

POM-462. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Hawaii relative to a center for the advancement of global health, welfare, education, and peace by and for children, youth, and families; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 153

Whereas, the Millennium Young People's Congress held in Hawaii in October 1999, demonstrated the value of a collective global vision by and for the children of the world as well as the need for a forum for international discussion of issues facing all children and youth; and

Whereas, the World Youth Congress and representatives from the Kingdom of Morocco met in Hawaii in March 2003, demonstrating the collaboration that a Center for the Advancement of Global Health, Welfare, Education, and Peace By and For Children, Youth, and Families can promote; and

Whereas, world peace is a major collaborative goal, and youth are key to attaining world peace, sustainability, and productivity for future generations; and

Whereas, the health, welfare, and education of children and families are part of the basic foundation of values shared globally that should be provided for all children; and

Whereas, the populations of countries in Asia and the Pacific Rim are the largest and fastest-growing segments of the world's population, with young people representing the largest percentage of those populations; and

Whereas, Hawaii's location at the center of the Pacific Rim between Asia and the Americans, its diverse culture, and its many shared languages provide an excellent strategic forum for shared languages provide an excellent strategic forum for meetings and exchanges, as demonstrated by the Millennium Young People's Congress, to:

(1) Discuss issues and solutions for health, welfare, peace, and the rights of children as a basic foundation for all children and youth; and

(2) Research pertinent issues and alternatives concerning children and youth and propose viable models for societal application and promotion of international peace and conflict resolution; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2004, the Senate concurring, That the United Nations (UN) is respectfully requested to consider establishing in Hawaii a Center for the Advancement of Global Health, Welfare, Education, and Peace By and For Children, Youth, and Families (Center); and be it further

Resolved, That the President of the United States and members of the United States Congress are urged to support the establishment of such a Center; and be it further

Resolved, That the Matsunaga Peace Institute, the United Nations Association in Hawaii, the House Committee on International Affairs, and the Keiki Caucus of the Hawaii State Legislature are requested to convene an exploratory task force to develop such a proposal for consideration by the UN; and be it further

Resolved, That assistance be sought from foundations and other nongovernmental organizations who might assist in funding the Center; and be it further

Resolved, That the World Youth Congress, which will be holding its third meeting in Glasgow, Scotland, in August 2005, is urged to establish a Center dedicated to UN Secretary General Kofi Annan; and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary General of the UN, Focal Point on Youth of the UN Office of the Secretary Gen-

eral, Senior Policy Advisor for the UN Children's Fund, President of the United States, President of the United States Senate, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, members of Hawaii's congressional delegation, United States Representative to the UN, President of the University of Hawaii, President of the East-West Center, Superintendent of Education, Executive Director of the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools, President of the United Nations Association in Hawaii, Director of the Matsunaga Peace Institute, Program Director of the American Friends Service Committee—Hawaii, President of the Hawaii State Senate, and the Speaker of the Hawaii State House of Representatives.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. 2561. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain servicemembers to become eligible for educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 2562. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide incentives for the furnishing of quality care under Medicare Advantage plans and by end stage renal disease providers and facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 2563. A bill to require imported explosives to be marked in the same manner as domestically manufactured explosives; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. 2564. A bill to amend the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000 to authorize additional projects and activities under that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. SMITH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 2565. A bill to amend the Agriculture Adjustment Act to convert the dairy forward pricing program into a permanent program of the Department of Agriculture; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. DAYTON):

S. 2566. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to phase out the 24-month waiting period for disabled individuals to become eligible for medicare benefits, to eliminate the waiting period for individuals with life-threatening conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2567. A bill to adjust the boundary of Redwood National Park in the State of California; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. 2568. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the tercentenary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 2569. A bill to amend section 227 of the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify the

prohibition on junk fax transmissions; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 2570. A bill entitled "The Health Care Assurance Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ENZI:

S. 2571. A bill to clarify the loan guarantee authority under title VI of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996; to the Committee on Indian Affairs with instructions that if the Committee reports, the bill be referred pursuant to the order of May 27, 1988, to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs for a period not to exceed 60 days.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, Mr. BURNS, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. Res. 389. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to prostate cancer information; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 390. A resolution designating September 9, 2004, as "National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Day"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1129

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1129, a bill to provide for the protection of unaccompanied alien children, and for other purposes.

S. 1246

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1246, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 1890

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1890, a bill to require the mandatory expensing of stock options granted to executive officers, and for other purposes.

S. 1900

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1900, a bill to amend the African Growth and Opportunity Act to expand certain trade benefits to eligible sub-Saharan African countries, and for other purposes.

S. 1945

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1945, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Employee Retirement Income Security